

BILL ANALYSIS

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H.B. 2775
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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

H.B. 2775 provides that, with respect to a petition accompanying an application for a candidate's place on the ballot, a single notarized affidavit by any person who obtained the signatures is valid for all signatures gathered by the person if the date of notarization is on or after the date of the last signature obtained by the person. H.B. 2775 further provides that a petition may be corrected and additional signatures presented to the appropriate authority after it has been initially filed but not after the deadline for filing the petition.

H.B. 2775 amends current law relating to a petition filed in connection with an application for a place on the ballot.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 141.065, Election Code, by adding Subsection (c), to provide that a single notarized affidavit by any person who obtained signatures is valid for all signatures gathered by the person if the date of notarization is on or after the date of the last signature obtained by the person.

SECTION 2. Amends Subchapter C, Chapter 141, Election Code, by adding Section 141.071, as follows:

Sec. 141.071. CORRECTION OF PETITION. Provides that a petition may be corrected and additional signatures presented to the appropriate authority after it has been initially filed but not after the deadline for filing the petition.

SECTION 3. Provides that the changes in law made by this Act apply to a petition circulated on or after the effective date of this Act. Provides that a petition circulated before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the petition is circulated, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 4. Effective date: September 1, 2015.